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Applicant: David J. HOUSTON

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Title: Ball Return Device

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Non-Final Office Action, dated June 28, 2005, for the above-identified application, from October 28, 2005 to December 28, 2005.

A credit card authorization form for the payment of the statutory fee of \$510.00 is attached. The Commissioner is directed and authorized to charge any additional fees or any underpayment of fees which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1061.

Respectfully submitted,

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**For FY 2005**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 510.00

**Complete if Known**

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

**Total Claims**    **Extra Claims**    **Fee (\$)**    **Fee Paid (\$)**

20 - 20 or HP = 0 x 0 = 0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

**Indep. Claims**    **Extra Claims**    **Fee (\$)**    **Fee Paid (\$)**

3 - 3 or HP = 0 x 0 = 0

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**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Petition for Extension of Time (3 months)

Fees Paid (\$)

\$510.00

**SUBMITTED BY**

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